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SUBJECT: Third quarter (2005) observer coverage summary.

The Pelagic Observer Program (POP) has completed coverage of the U.S. pelagic longline fleet for the third quarter period of 2005(July 1 to September 30). Selection letters were sent by certified mail service (return receipt) on June 15, 2005 to 44 vessel permit holders (owners and/or operators) for notification of observer coverage. The POP had the responsibility of the regular coverage requirement in the Northwest Atlantic, including the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea. In addition, the POP was also responsible for providing observers for a special Cooperative Research Program (CRP) on bycatch reduction research involving six (6) U.S. pelagic longline vessels participating in an experimental designed project. In general, these six vessels were utilizing their regular gear and following their typical fishing operations within their geographical fishing areas. The experimental design was comparing different hook baiting techniques (bait threaded vs. single hooked) in an alternating pattern and crews were attaching scientific equipment (time-depth recorders and hook timers) on the gear. With both POP activities combined for this quarter (Tables 1, 2, and 3), observers were deployed on 39 trips and spent 358 days at sea monitoring 239 sets, thus providing a combined coverage rate of 9.1%. For the purposes of this report, this document will also summarize the catch and effort for the regular coverage and the CRP coverage separately.

Of special note during this quarter, the regular coverage of the Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fleet and its fishing actives were disrupted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita which devastated many of the gulf ports, especially the Louisiana delta. Because of the high winds (categories 3 and 4), rain and storm surge, the Louisiana ports of Dulac, Leeville, and Venice, where most of the Vietnamese-American vessels (about half of the Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fleet) were severely impacted. Observer coverage of the vessels in this area was impacted as many of the captains/owners were displaced from their damaged homes in New

Orleans, with many living onboard their vessels, as well as the disruption of phone services (cellular and land lines) making communication with the permit holders and this office difficult. Through various sources, the POP determined that many of the selected vessels in those ports did not fish during the month of September due to the devastation. In addition to this circumstance, selection of fourth quarter vessels as it relates to the gulf coverage will also be affected as postal service delivery in some of the New Orleans zip codes will be delayed or undeliverable during that time period.

Regular Coverage (8%) of the US Pelagic fleet:

For the regular observer coverage of the pelagic longline fleet during quarter 3, observers spent 171 days at sea which resulted in 119 sets observed, thus providing a coverage rate of 4.5%. During the 19 trips (Table 1), observed effort (number of sets) occurred in the geographical areas of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM), the South Atlantic Bight (SAB), the Mid-Atlantic Bight (MAB), and the Northeast Distant (NED) waters. From Table 1, an observer waiting for deployment aboard the F/V LEROY TENNISHOE and MARY ANN during the last week of the quarter departed with the vessel after October 1 of the next quarter due to weather related delays. In addition, another vessel (F/V QUEENSLAND) was observed twice as the first trip was cut short due to mechanical problems.

Of the pelagic longline trips observed during the regular coverage by the POP, a total of 94,528 hooks were fished during the 119 sets recorded by the SEFSC program (Table 1). The total catch from the 19 pelagic longline trips observed consisted of 4,371 fish representing 44 species. The catch data was comprised of 1,366 swordfish, 441 bigeye tuna, 837 yellowfin tuna, 1 bluefin tuna, 58 albacore tuna, 103 other tuna species, 145 dolphin fish (mahi), 44 wahoo, 243 billfish species, 223 other finfish (escolar, lancetfish, etc.), 224 skates/rays, 4 small coastal shark, 350 large coastal sharks, 323 pelagic sharks, and 9 unidentified fish species. During the quarter, observers also recorded incidental takes of protected species (Table 3) which included 12 marine mammals (11-Pilot Whale-alive, 1-mammal-alive), 7 sea turtles (3 leatherback-alive; 4 loggerhead-alive), and no (0) sea birds. Finally, the POP recorded no catches of sawfish during the regular coverage; this species is not likely to occur in the pelagic environment.

Although occasional communications by telephone and faxes do occur from owners of selected vessels prior to and during the quarter, in general, my staff and I continue to have to place calls to most of the vessel owners to determine fishing activities and port location of the vessels. My recommendation is for the SEFSC to suggest to the NOAA-Fisheries Agency office to send periodic notices via fax distribution as reminders to vessel permit holders of their responsibility for contacting the POP office of their fishing activity when selected. Until this action is supported,

much of the staff time will always be committed to calling marinas, fish dealers, and/or leaving messages on phone recorders in hopes of locating the vessels.

For quarter 3, the POP did not place observers on 26 of the 44 vessels selected (59%; Table 4), thus reducing the target coverage of the POP office by 131 sets. This was an unusual quarter for several reasons. First, several selected vessels were not fishing (6 vessels), involved in another fishery (4 vessels), or were impacted in September by two destructive Gulf coast hurricanes (Katrina and Rita; 3 vessels) which took away 67 sets. Secondly, the POP office is occasionally unable to assign an observer to accommodate a vessel's departure times. With this quarter, two vessels used Canadian ports, three had departures that were weather related, and the rare situation where the POP did not have observers available for the departures date of one vessel, which reduced coverage by 32 sets. However, the hardest for the POP to contend with are the vessels owners that fail to communicate with the POP office their fishing activities, lack of vessel bunk space, liferaft capacity issues, and/or not possessing a current CFVSE decal which affected seven (7) vessels reducing the POP's coverage opportunities by 32 sets. Although these 32 sets would not have allow the POP to attain the optimal coverage of 8 percent, this has not been the case in previous quarters. With these types of excuses from owners re-occurring each quarter and representing many of the same vessels on a regular basis, my staff continues to emphasize that the NOAA-Fisheries Agency should seek other alternatives of collecting data from these vessels if regular participation in observer coverage cannot be enforced.

2005 Cooperative Research Project (CRP) Bycatch Reduction Project.

The Cooperative Research Project (CRP) is a cooperative adventure between NOAA-Fisheries scientists and the fishing industry. For 2005, the fishing industry, represented by the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI), received government CRP funding. As a result, FRI contracted 6 pelagic longline vessel owners to participate in the CRP Experimental design. Two of the vessels associated with the Gulf of Mexico were each contracted to fish 50 compensated sets for the period of April to September, a second set of two vessels associated with the Atlantic south of Hatteras (NC) were each contracted to fish 25 compensated sets for the period May to July, and a third set of two vessels associated with the waters north of Hatteras (NC) were each contracted to fish 25 compensated sets for the period of July to September. The CRP Experimental design and the vessel contracts call for 100% observer coverage to be provided by the Miami POP as long as the vessels fished the Experimental Design. For the CRP design, each of the two vessel crews within their respective geographical areas agreed to configure their gear similarly (same floatline length, branchline length, hooks between floats, hook size, hooks set, and baits) which also happened to be similar to their normal fishing operations. The design also called for two baiting techniques

(hooks threaded or single hooked through the bait) to be deployed in an alternating pattern throughout the longline sections. Since the project design was similar to the boats normal operations, the effort could possibly be included in the overall coverage requirement. The other item of interest is that Time-Depth Recorder (up to 30 per set) and Hook-Timer (up to 450 per set) units were deployed on the branch lines so that scientists could better understand how the marine environment effects where and how the gear fishes and when fish bite the hooks.

Of the 6 participating vessels fishing under the CRP Experimental Design project (Table 2) during this quarter, observers spent 187 days at sea reporting a total of 83,729 hooks during the 120 sets observed. The total catch from the 20 pelagic longline trips consisted of 5,178 fish representing 41 species. The catch data was comprised of 969 swordfish, 50 bigeye tuna, 424 yellowfin tuna, 40 bluefin tuna, 7 albacore tuna, 240 other tuna species, 157 dolphin fish (mahi), 96 wahoo, 171 billfish species, 780 other finfish (escolar, lancetfish, etc.), 210 skates/rays, no small coastal sharks, 356 large coastal sharks, 224 pelagic sharks, and 1,454 unidentified fish species. Observers also recorded incidental takes of protected species (Table 3) which included no(0) marine mammals, 18 sea turtles (10 leatherback-alive; 8 loggerhead-alive), and two(2) sea birds (Greater shearwater-1 alive and 1 dead). Finally, the POP recorded no catches of sawfish during the CRP Experimental Design; this species is not likely to occur in the pelagic environment.

Summary:

In closing, the publication of the 2004 Biological Opinion (BO) calls for a number of tasks to be accomplished by NOAA-Fisheries. With respect to the Turtle Take Estimates (TTE) or the Net Mortality Ratio (NMR), neither is provided in this report as the POP does not have the staffing expertise to conduct these analyses. With reference to protected species, the 2004 BO required the NOAA-Fisheries to implement regulations for pelagic longline vessels to have the turtle handling and release gear on board. Beginning on August 4, 2004, the POP observers were provided a turtle gear checklist form issued by the Miami PR and given instructions to review the gear on each boat, fill out the checklist forms, and submit the forms with their data at the completion of the trip. In keeping with the BO reporting requirements from the POP office, observers filled out the turtle gear forms on all 19 of the third quarter selected vessels in the regular coverage. Following three industry organized turtle gear workshops held in February, April, and June of 2005, the presence of this gear required by the BO appears to be improving. Of the 19 vessels selected and observed in quarter 3, 90% (n=17) of the vessels had both the equipment needed for removing gear from turtles in the water (at least 3 of 4 items aboard) or most of the equipment for removing gear if the turtle is boated (6 or more items aboard). Interestingly, 58% of the selected vessels also had

the turtle tether aboard, which is voluntary at this time. A PDF document of the observer turtle gear forms will be posted on a secure site of the POP website for both the regular coverage and the CRP project. Finally, the cumulative number of unique vessels observed since the effective date of the sea turtle conservation regulations (July, 2004), now stands at 71 vessels covered (Table 5).

Attachments:

Tables 1 through 5.

cc: POP Coverage files; Gregg Houghaboom, NOAA-Fisheries SERO/OLE liaison.

Table 1: Regular coverage (8%) of the longline fleet. Number of vessels observed, areas of fishing activity, total sets observed, and total days at-sea conducted by the SEFSC Miami Laboratory POP from July 1 to September 30, 2005.

Vessel Number	Vessel Name	Trip No.	Area	Total Sets	Total Sea Days
926359	QUEENSLAND	P01112	GOM	2	5
690722	SOUTHERN LADY	A02021	SAB	7	10
642921	CAPN B ¹	D04020	MAB	3	3
609121	CAROL ANN	CO2036	SAB	7	11
1022773	EAGEL EYE II	U03013	NED	14	21
510728	MISS SUZANNE	T02014	MAB	10	13
926359	QUEENSLAND	A02022	GOM	7	12
995485	SEA QUEEN III	P01113	GOM	11	14
911631	ST JOSEPH&PETER	Q02054	GOM	9	12
649506	JANICE ANN ²	S01071	SAB	1	2
604915	FRANCIS ANN ²	D04022	MAB	4	5
925122	REDFIN	C02037	GOM	1	2
MD9128BD	ADDIEBYRD	T02015	MAB	2	4
597421	MONICA	W01052	MAB	10	13
905679	CAPT MIKE	J02043	GOM	6	10
929437	ST BENEDICT	Q02055	GOM	8	12
586413	HATUNA MATADA ²	C02038	GOM	4	7
944376	YELLOWFIN	D04023	MAB	9	10
943313	SEA BORN	T02016	MAB	4	5
938537	LEROY TENNISHOE ³	A02023	GOM	0	0
596805	MARY ANN ³	S01073	MAB	0	0
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TOTAL		19		119	171

Footnote:

- 1: Substituted vessel for the Hardway (684873) which was out of the fishery/sold
- 2: Vessel split trip between the CRP experimental design and the regular 8% coverage.
- 3: Vessels departure rescheduled into October due to weather delays.

Table 2: Coverage of the CRP bycatch reduction project fleet. Fleet is comprised of 6 contracted vessels of which 5 participated during quarter 3 (July 1 to September 30, 2005). Number of vessels observed, areas of fishing activity, total sets observed, and total days at-sea are provided.

Vessel Number	Vessel Name	Trip No.	Area	Total Sets	Total Sea Days
586413	HATUNA MATADA	C02035	GOM	10	14
586413	HATUNA MATADA	J02042	GOM	11	17
586413	HATUNA MATADA	CO2038	GOM	8	10
649506	JANICE ANN	I02032	SAB	8	12
649506	JANICE ANN	S01071	FEC/SAB	1/2	6
656259	KRISTEN LEE	S01069	FEC/SAB	3/3	10
656259	KRISTEN LEE	S01070	FEC	5	8
613745	SHEARWATER ¹	I02031	GOM	1	3
613745	SHEARWATER	J02041	GOM	8	13
613745	SHEARWATER	W01051	GOM	11	17
613745	SHEARWATER	S01072	GOM	2	11
908223	SHADY LADY	M01034	NEC	9	13
908223	SHADY LADY	U03012	NEC	3	6
908223	SHADY LADY	M01035	NEC	10	13
604915	FRANCIS ANN	T02013	NEC	12	17
604915	FRANCIS ANN	D04021	NEC	9	12
604915	FRANCIS ANN	D04022	MAB	4	5
TOTAL		20		120	187

Footnote:

1: Vessel trip crossed over from quarter 2 into quarter 3.

Table 3: Percent coverage (by sets), the incidental take of Protected Resource species (turtles, mammals, seabirds), and hook effort summarized by geographical area for July 1 to September 30, 2005. (A=Alive, D=Dead, LB=Leatherback, LH=Loggerhead, U=unknown)

AREA	TOTAL SETS OBSERVED	REQUIRED 8% COVERAGE	TURTLES A LB/LH/U	D	MAMMALS A	D	BIRDS A	D
CAR-1	0(0%)	0	0/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
GOM-2	48(3%)	104	0/ 0/0	0	1	0	0	0
FEC-3	0(0%)	7	0/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
SAB-4	15(7+%)	16	0/ 1/0	0	0	0	0	0
MAB-5	42(13%)	26	1/ 3/0	0	11	0	0	0
NEC-6	0(0%)	28	0/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
NED-7	14(3+%)	29	2/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	119(4+%)	210	3/ 4/0	0	12	0	0	0

Hook effort Summary:

Area	Reg. 8% Coverage Hook effort	CRP Experiment(100%) Hook effort
GOM	40,889	33,070
FEC	000	4,440
SAB	7,682	5,820
MAB	31,827	3,695
NEC	000	36,701
NED	14,130	000
TOTAL	94,528	83,729

2005 CRP Experiment AREA	Sets SETS	COVERAGE	TURTLES LB/LH/UN	D	MAMMAL A	D	BIRDS A	D
GOM-2	51	100%	2/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
FEC-3*	9	100%	1/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
SAB-4	13	100%	0/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
MAB-5	4	100%	0/ 0/0	0	0	0	0	0
NEC-6	43	100%	7/ 8/0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	120		10/ 8/0	0	0	0	1	1

*Note: No mainline gear drifted into the FEC closed area.

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<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>Doc #</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
ADAM C	297535	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Owner called the office on 6/18/05 indicating the vessel would be tied to the dock and not fishing the entire quarter. POP requested 7 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: No logs reported.
ALEXANDER	934701	Reason 4 and 5. Certified letter was received. No communication with the POP office. Vessel may have been involved in another fishery. No confirmation. POP requested 4 sets for the quarter. Logbook submissions: No logs reported.
BACKWASH III	NJ4755FP	Reason N/A. Certified letter was received. Owner called POP office on 7/11/05 that when vessel fishes it is dependent upon weather conditions for departure. POP unable to send observer to wait for good weather. The POP requested 1 set for quarter. Logbook submissions: August and September.

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BETTY BOOP	673527	Reason 6. certified letter was received. Owner called the POP office on 7/5/05. Vessel was tied to the dock, up for sale, and not fishing during the quarter. POP requested 6 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: Logbook submission: No logs reported.
BIGEYE	628300	Reason 1, 2, and 7. Certified letter was received. Owner called the POP office on 9/13/05 with POP follow-up call on 9/15/05. Vessel carries 4 crew, 3 bunks, and 4 man liferaft. Observer onboard would exceed liferaft capacity. The POP requested 6 sets for quarter. Logbook submissions: July and August.
BJORN II	947927	Reasons N/A. Certified letter was received. Owner sent fax on 6/27/05. POP failed to call back due to workload. Subsequent call made on 9/9 with email on 9/21/05. Vessel was using Canadian port making travel logistics difficult. Pop requested 12 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: July only.

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CAPT GORMAN III	592269	Reason 4. Certified letter was received. Owner did not call the POP office during the quarter. POP requested 6 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: Logbook submission: Activity is unknown at this time; no logs reported.
DELFIN	610398	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Owner called and faxed the POP office that the vessel had been sold and out of the fishery. POP requested 10 sets for quarter. Logbook submission: NA.
DEQUEEN	942269	Reasons 3 and 4. Certified letter was received. Owner never called the POP office. Fish dealer called the office with little or no time to send observer for departures. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita may have impacted departures during September. POP requested 4 set for the quarter. Logbook submission: July and August.
EAGLE EYE	669872	Reason N/A. Certified letter was received. Vessel was using Canadian ports during the quarter making travel logistics difficult. Owner is very cooperative. POP failed to place an observer. POP requested 4 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: July, August, and September.

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GRAND CRU	508393	Reason N/A. Certified letter was received. Owner called the POP office on 6/21, 7/22, 8/5, and 8/22. POP office failed to coordinate coverage during the quarter. Pop requested 5 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: August only.
KENNY BOY	1029712	Reasons 4 and 5. Certified letter was received. Owner's family was impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during September. Family displaced from New Orleans. Vessel was not fishing. Pop requested 5 sets for quarter. Logbook submission: July and August.
KIM THANH II	600048	Reasons 4 and 5. Certified letter was received. Owner's family was impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during September. Family displaced from New Orleans. Vessel was not fishing. Pop requested 5 sets for quarter. Logbook submission: July and August.
KIM THANH PN	937416	Reasons 4 and 5. Certified letter was received. Owner's family was impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during September. Family displaced from New Orleans. Vessel was not fishing. Pop requested 7 sets for quarter. Logbook submission: July and August.

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LIBERTY	944957	Reasons 1 and 2. Certified letter was received. Owner sent faxes to POP office on 7/1, 7/17, 8/2, 8/16, 8/25, and 9/6. Each time owner indicated a full crew of 6, no bunk for observer, and would exceed liferaft capacity. POP requested 5 sets for the quarter. Logbook submission: July, August, and September.
MISS SHELL	637883	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Owner did not call the POP office during quarter. It was later determined that the vessel usually fishes bottom longline gear. POP requested 1 set for quarter. Logbook submission: no log reported.
OUR LADY OF LEVANG	1029384	Reason 4. Certified letter was received. Owner called the POP office on 8/3/05 indicated the vessel did not have a crew and not fishing. Owner's family was impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during September. Family displaced from New Orleans. POP requested 6 sets for quarter. Logbook submission: no logs reported.

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PROVIDER II	648979	Reason 4. Certified letter was received. Owner did call the POP office during quarter. He feels that his boat is too small, carries 4 crew with a 4 man liferaft. He indicated at a meeting that he will make arrangements to take an observer in summer 2006. The POP requested 5 sets for the quarter. Logbook submissions: July only.
SCOOCH TOO	285617	Reason 1, 2 and 5. Certified letter was received. Owner stated no bunk for observer as he carries 3 crew and only has 2 bunks available. He sometimes fishes trap gear or longline. POP was unable to station an observer on location as the vessel fishes during good weather. POP requested 1 set during the quarter. Logbook submission: September only.
SEA FARMER	913309	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Vessel was sold by the permit holder. Out of the fishery. POP requested 5sets during the quarter. Logbook submission: NA.

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SHEARWATER	613745	Reason N/A. Certified letter was delivered. This vessel participated in the CRP experimental design for all trips made during quarter 3. The POP requested 7 set for the quarter. Logbook submission: 4 CRP trips observed during quarter.
SHOWBOAT	NJ8988GT	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Permits from this vessel were transferred to his other vessel, F/V Kristen Lynn (NJ6497GE). The vessel carries 4 crew with 4 bunks and a 4 man liferaft. Observer safety concern. POP requested 2 sets during the quarter. Logbook submission: August and September.
ST. MARIA (PEACEFUL LADY)	1021751	Reason 5. Certified letter was received. Owner called the POP office on 8/3/05 indicated the vessel did not have a crew and not fishing. Owner's family was impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita during September. Family displaced from New Orleans. POP requested 6 sets during the quarter. Logbook submission: no logs reported.

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TAR BABY	989329	Reason 2. Certified letter was delivered. POP office received call from owner during the quarter stating he was involved in another fishery, shark bottom longline. The POP requested 1 set for the quarter. Logbook submission: July, August, and September.
VIOLET H	VA2680AT	Reason 4. Certified letter was received. POP received no communication from the owner during the quarter. Pelagic longline activity is unknown. The POP office requested 1 set for the quarter. Logbook submissions: activity unknown at this time.
WATERSPORT	618782	Reason-N/A. Certified letter was received. The owner is very cooperative with the POP office. POP was unable to station an observer on location as the vessel fishes during good weather. POP requested 1 set for the quarter. Logbook submission: activity July, August, and September.

Table 5: The POP coverage completed aboard the pelagic longline fleet by quarter and year since the publication of the 2004 Biological Opinion. The number of trips observed include vessels that are covered multiple times during a quarter. The number of unique vessels observed represents those vessels only covered once by an observer during a quarter and year.

Quarter	Year	No. of Vessels Selected	No. of Trips Observed	No. of Unique Vessels Observed
3	2004	44	29	29
4	2004	30	28	14
1	2005	34	26	12
2	2005	45	22	9
3	2005	41	19	7
Cumulative Totals			124	71
